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1. WHILE OUR EFFORTS TO LEARN THE GIST OF FRENCH

FOREIGN MINISTER'S INTENDED CEP REMARKS AT LONDON NATO

MEETING HAVE YIELDED NO FURTHER INFORMATION, BECAUSE THE

FRENCH DELEGATION PROFESSES TO BE UNINFORMED, WE DO NOT BELIEVE FRENCH WILL OBJECT TO MINISTERIAL APPROVAL OF C-M (77)17 (REV). RATHER, WE EXPECT FRENCH MAY VOICE LIMITATIONS AND CONDITIONS ON THEIR PARTICIPATION IN CEP STUDIES ON RAPID REINFORCEMENT CONCEPT (RRC). IN THIS CONNECTION, IT IS NOTABLE THAT THE FRENCH REP TO THE PLANNING BOARD FOR OCEAN SHIPPING MEETING IN LONDON APRIL 27 USED THE SAME WORDING AS PERMREP TINE USED IN NAC (USNATO 2310), WHEN HE REFERRED TO "LIMITATIONS AND CONDITIONS," IN DESCRIBING THE FRENCH POSITION DURING THE BOARD'S DISCUSSION OF MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE AND SACEUR'S RRC.

2. FOR HIS PART, FRENCH DELOFF (TAXIL) COMMENTED THAT FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER GUIRINGAUD'S STATEMENT MIGHT RANGE FROM EXTREME THAT STUDIES DEALING WITH CIVIL SUPPORT OF THE RRC BE HANDLED AT FOURTEEN, TO OTHER EXTREME OF FRENCH COOPERATION AT FIFTEEN IN CEP MATTERS AS IS THE PRESENT CASE WITH POSSIBLE CAVEAT OF PARTICIPATION ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

3. IN SUM, IT APPEARS TO US THAT GUIRINGAUD'S STATEMENT MAY BE DESIGNED TO PREVENT ANY EROSION OF FRENCH POSITION OPPOSING ANY SEMBLANCE OF FRANCE'S INTEGRATION IN NATO'S MILITARY STRUCTURE THROUGH ITS ACTIVITIES. NEVERTHELESS, WE WOULD NOT EXPECT THOSE MINISTRIES WHICH HAVE A LONG HISTORY OF QUIET COOPERATION IN TECHNICAL CEP AREAS TO DIMINISH THEIR PARTICIPATION. BENNETT

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